(c) whether it is a fact that this matter was also discussed in the Consultative Committee of the Ministry in November, 1996; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to boost the export of manmade fibre from Surat in future?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) India's man-made textile exports have increased from US $ 784.59 million in 1994-95 to US $ 935.21 million in 1995-96. The region-wise export figures are, however, not maintained.

(d) In order to boost the exports of man-made textiles from all parts of the country, including Surat, Government have been taking a number of steps such as encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangement for duty free import of raw materials for export production: ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa Assisted by O.E.C.F.

2797. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing irrigation projects in Orissa assisted by the Japanese Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF);

(b) the amount of OECF fund made available for those projects so far;

(c) the target date of the completion of those projects;

(d) the date by which those projects are likely to be completed;

(e) the progress of those projects as on date; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MIHSRA): (a) to (f) There are two Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) assisted irrigation projects in Orissa. The details of these on-going projects are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount of Assistance	Target date of the completion (Figures in Million)	Progress of the project utilisation of funds as on November, 96
1.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	Yen 3769 (Rs.1211.8)	20.07.1998	Yen 2178.59 (Rs. 700.51)
2.	Upper Indravati Irrigation Project.	Yen 3744 (Rs. 1203.8)	20.01.1999	Yen 1944.85 (Rs.625.3)

Meeting of All India Assam Students Union (AASU) Delegation with the Prime Minister

2798. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 16-member delegation of All India Asam Students Unions (AASU) met the Prime Minister in Guwahati on October 26, 1996;

(b) if so, the points raised by them; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) A delegation of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) met the Prime Minister at Guwahati on 25-10-1996. The main